



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 176**

*January Session, 2003*

House Bill No. 5169

*House of Representatives, April 3, 2003*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDAS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 1-225 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (c) The agenda of the regular meetings of every public agency,  
5 except for the General Assembly, shall be available to the public and  
6 shall be filed, not less than twenty-four hours before the meetings to  
7 which they refer, [in such agency's regular office or place of business  
8 or, if there is no such office or place of business,] (1) in the office of the  
9 Secretary of the State for any such public agency of the state, in the  
10 office of the clerk of such subdivision for any public agency of a  
11 political subdivision of the state or in the office of the clerk of each  
12 municipal member of any multitown district or agency, as the case

13 may be, and (2) in the agency's regular office or place of business, if  
14 any. Upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of a  
15 public agency present and voting, any subsequent business not  
16 included in such filed agendas may be considered and acted upon at  
17 such meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact because it is expected that towns will use existing staff and resources to implement the provisions of the bill.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDAS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT*****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a dual filing requirement for public agencies that must give the public at least 24-hours advance notice of the agenda for their regular meetings. Under current law, the agencies must file agendas in their regular office or place of business. If there is no such place, state agencies must file them in the secretary of the state's office, and municipal agencies and multi-town districts or agencies must file them in the relevant town clerk's office. The bill requires the agencies to file them in both their own office and either the secretary of the state's office or town clerk's office, as appropriate.

The dual filing requirement, like the current single requirement, applies to all public agencies except the General Assembly, Division of Criminal Justice, and Judicial branch agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17      Nay 0